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## Amendment

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Please charge deposit account 19-2179 for any fee associated with this amendment.

## In the specification:

Replace the Abstract with the following.

A system and method are provided that address the need for an improved microbiology validation system that monitors and validates clinical culture laboratory test results as they occur throughout the testing lifecycle of a clinical culture. Techniques are provided that consider the results of earlier performed tests when entering results for later performed tests so that inconsistent or wrong test results of a patient are not inadvertently released to a physician for review.

On page 2 lines 5-6 replace "results depend in large part" with --results depend primarily--.